

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to award a total of \$74,581,554 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program funds to support public transportation needs in non-urbanized areas of the state.

The United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on March 27, 2020, which authorizes funding under the FTA Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (49 U.S.C. §5311) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

This minute order allocates a portion of the available CARES Act funding to allow for the immediate needs of eligible rural transit districts and intercity bus carriers. To address these needs, funding amounts sufficient to support operational expenses for a specified period of time were identified. Recommendations for the remaining CARES apportionment will be brought to the commission at a later date.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §31.36(g) establishes a formula by which public transportation funds shall be distributed to rural transit districts under the FTA Formula Grants for Rural Areas program. A total of \$61,349,237 is awarded to rural transit districts with allocations derived from the formula in the following combinations: \$20,104,352 based on performance and need calculation in accordance with §31.36(g)(2), \$442,712 based on discretionary calculation in accordance with §31.36(g)(3), and \$40,802,173 based on total vehicle mile calculation in accordance with §31.36(g)(4). Therefore, the award of \$61,349,237 in federal FY 2020 §5311 CARES Act funds is shown in Exhibit A and has been determined in accordance with §31.36(g)(2) and (4) and in consultation with rural transit districts for operational amounts needed.

Title 43, TAC, §31.36(g)(1) establishes a formula by which public transportation funds shall be distributed to intercity bus carriers under the FTA Formula Grants for Rural Areas program. TAC §31.36(i) establishes a process by which intercity bus program proposals shall be evaluated. A total of \$13,232,317 is awarded to intercity bus carriers to provide funding with allocations derived from project proposals previously submitted in response to a Notice of Call for projects published in the *Texas Register* on November 17, 2017. Therefore, the award of \$13,232,317 in federal FY 2020 §5311 CARES Act funds is shown in Exhibit B and has been determined in accordance with §31.36(g)(1) and in consultation with intercity bus carriers for operational amounts needed.

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the FY 2020 §5311 CARES Act FTA allocation for the program as described in Exhibits A and B, submit the necessary state application to the FTA, and enter into the necessary contracts.

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Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A
AWARD FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDS TO RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Rural Transit District	Award Amount
Alamo Area Council of Governments	3,398,287
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	1,881,118
Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	796,400
Brazos Transit District	4,525,994
Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS)	4,166,829
Central Texas Rural Transit District	2,599,721
Cleburne, City of	679,536
Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.	1,116,002
Community Services, Inc.	920,213
Concho Valley Transit District	1,528,413
Del Rio, City of	1,048,245
East Texas Council of Governments	3,215,680
El Paso, County of	2,904,047
Fort Bend County	550,088
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	2,149,506
Gulf Coast Center	566,500
Heart of Texas Council of Governments	1,424,977
Hill Country Transit District	1,828,024
Kleberg County Human Services	390,726
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	1,249,405
McLennan County Rural Transit District	700,798
Panhandle Community Services	2,670,800
Public Transit Services	1,280,451
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	1,518,000
Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc.	2,405,769
Senior Center Resources and Public Transit, Inc.	1,034,233
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	964,700
South Padre Island, City of	1,130,232
South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	2,420,000
Southwest Area Regional Transit District	2,054,669
SPAN, Inc.	1,108,891
STAR Transit	1,553,802
Texoma Area Paratransit System, Inc.	1,433,752
The Transit System, Inc.	711,700
Webb County Community Action Agency	605,000
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	2,816,730
Total	\$61,349,237

EXHIBIT B
INTERCITY BUS CARRIERS – AWARD FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDS

Agency	Award Amount
All Aboard America!	1,164,389
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	616,635
Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS)	722,663
El Paso, County of	526,436
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	9,627,642
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	574,552
Total	\$13,232,317